

Boy Scouts Now Allowing Girls To Join

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) will now allow girls to join their well known Cub Scout program which will enable them to advance to the highest rank of Eagle Scout, according to a statement released Wednesday.

The organization's board of directors [voted unanimously](#) to make the historic change to the group that has been for boys since its founding over 100 years ago.

"Today, the Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors unanimously approved to welcome girls into its iconic Cub Scout program and to deliver a Scouting program for older girls that will enable them to advance and earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout," the group said in a [statement](#) Wednesday.

The BSA expands programs to welcome girls from Cub Scouts to highest rank of Eagle Scout <https://t.co/WbFQxCXZBN>

– Boy Scouts – BSA (@boyscouts) [October 11, 2017](#)

"This decision is true to the BSA's mission and core values outlined in the Scout Oath and Law. The values of Scouting – trustworthy, loyal, helpful, kind, brave and reverent, for example – are important for both young men and women," said the BSA's Chief Scout Executive, Michael Surbaugh.

We believe it is critical to evolve how our programs meet the

needs of families interested in positive and lifelong experiences for their children. We strive to bring what our organization does best – developing character and leadership for young people – to as many families and youth as possible as we help shape the next generation of leaders,” he continued.

Starting in 2018, young girls will be able to join Cub Scout units. The historic decision reportedly comes after years of receiving requests from families and girls.

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